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TURKEY BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1, 1954

Heavy breed turkey breeder hens on farms January 1, 1954 were estimated at 2,681,000 birds--- 7 percent less than a year ago. Breeder hens of the light breeds were estimated at 679,000 birds --- an increase of 40 percent, the Agricultural Marketing Service reported today.

Numbers of heavy breed hens on January 1 this year show decreases from a year ago in all parts of the country, except the East North Central and South Atlantic States, where increases were 6 and 3 percent, respectively. Decreases were 14 percent in the South Central, 11 percent in the West, 5 percent in the West North Central and 1 percent in the North Atlantic States. The 6 leading States with 57 percent of the heavy breeders in the country are, ranked in the order named, California, Texas, Oregon, Missouri, Minnesota and Iowa. These 6 States have about 13 percent fewer heavy breeders on January 1 than a year ago.

Breeder hens of the light breeds on January 1 show increases from a year ago in all parts of the country. Increases were 92 percent in the West North Central, 48 percent in the South Central, 47 percent in the West, 19 percent in the South Atlantic, 8 percent in the East North Central and 3 percent in the North Atlantic States. The 6 leading States with 2/3 of the light breeder hens in the country are Virginia, Texas, Minnesota, California, Missouri and Ohio. These States had 59 percent more light breeders on January 1 than a year ago.

TURKEYS: BREEDER HENS ON FARMS JANUARY 1

State and Division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds		
	1953	1954	% of	1953	1954	% of
	Thousands	Percent		Thousands	Percent	
Maine	5	7	140	6	10	167
N.H.	7	7	100	—	—	—
Vt.	8	8	100	—	—	—
Mass.	27	27	100	1	1	100
R.I.	2	2	100	1	1	100
Conn.	13	14	108	2	1	50
N.Y.	56	58	104	2	3	150
N.J.	19	15	79	6	4	67
Pa.	83	79	95	14	13	93
N. Atla.	220	217	99	32	33	103
Ohio	87	88	101	29	28	97
Ind.	24	25	104	10	10	100
Ill.	43	42	98	6	7	117
Mich.	83	77	93	15	16	107
Wis.	22	43	195	3	7	233
E. N. Cent.	259	225	106	63	68	108
Minn.	158	144	91	43	101	235
Iowa	118	111	94	2	3	150
Mo.	187	163	87	30	54	180
N. Dak.	14	13	93	3	2	67
S. Dak.	12	10	83	4	3	75
Nebr.	29	27	93	—	1	—
Kans.	65	86	132	8	9	112
W. N. Cent.	583	554	95	90	173	192
Del.	8	8	100	1	2	200
Md.	45	44	98	5	7	140
Va.	57	55	96	94	117	124
W. Va.	9	8	89	11	11	100
N.C.	31	35	113	4	3	75
S.C.	55	60	109	15	19	127
Ga.	32	35	109	5	—	—
Fla.	14	13	93	4	7	175
S. Atla.	251	258	103	139	166	119
Ky.	38	32	84	1	1	100
Tenn.	14	15	107	—	—	—
Ala.	18	13	72	5	4	80
Miss.	13	12	92	—	—	—
Ark.	12	19	158	20	16	80
La.	11	9	82	—	—	—
Okl.	48	47	98	12	10	83
Texas	432	358	83	52	102	196
S. Cent.	586	505	86	90	133	148
Mont.	5	5	100	—	1	—
Idaho	7	5	71	—	1	—
Wyo.	4	3	75	—	—	—
Colo.	10	8	80	—	1	—
N. Mex.	8	8	100	—	—	—
Ariz.	7	6	86	1	—	—
Utah	19	11	58	6	11	183
Nev.	1	—	—	—	—	—
Wash.	72	81	112	13	17	131
Oreg.	175	195	111	13	21	162
Calif.	671	550	82	39	54	138
West.	979	872	89	72	106	147
U.S.	2,878	2,681	93	486	679	140